

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
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Application Number: To be Assigned )  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
For: STORAGE DEVICE CONTROL UNIT AND )  
METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE SAME )  
Attorney Docket No. HITA.0507 )

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows: